

Exide Technologies Corporation - Vernon, California:

Considered a secondary lead smelter, Exide has been recovering lead from used, old or discarded materials, including car batteries since 1992. The facility attained interim status in 1981.

The facility has been closed since March 2014 because its furnaces were not operating in compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District rules. The District could lift the restriction by June 2015

DTSC Facility Permit

- DTSC is currently reviewing the August 2014 permit application and expects to complete the review before June
- If the application is technically complete, DTSC will begin the permit decision process
- DTSC is currently overseeing the development of a draft EIR
- In September, Gov. Brown signed a bill requiring DTSC to issue a final permit decision by 12/31/2015

Recent Activities:

Exide must remove their stockpiles – *February 2015*

- DTSC directed Exide to remove stored materials containing lead by May 1, 2015
- Material will be trucked to an Exide facility in Muncie, Indiana.
- Approximately 435 truckloads

Permitting Site Visit – *January 2015*

- EPA RCRA Permits staff accompanied DTSC staff on a site visit to Exide
- Examined approximately 60 units to determine whether they are:
 - Appropriately inventoried, represented in the permit application and regulated
- After the evaluation, DTSC issued an NOV:
 - Treatment in unauthorized tanks; hazardous waste with liquids in a containment building without a functioning leak detection and collection system; lack of adequate secondary-containment system and engineer's certification for temporary tanks; failure to protect against spills; improper labeling and not closing containers holding hazardous waste.

DTSC Enforcement Order - *November 2014*

- Set aside \$38.6 million to cover closure costs, up from \$11.1 million
- Set aside \$9 million for the cleanup of nearby residential properties
- Pay \$526,000 in penalties for hazardous waste violations and reimburse \$760,000 of DTSC's costs related to its oversight.

DTSC is also overseeing the cleanup of residential neighborhoods with raised soil lead levels

